

What is claimed is:

1 1. A holder for a paintbrush of the type having a handle, a body, and an applicator,  
2 the holder comprising:  
3 a sleeve having a plurality of sidewalls and a base with an aperture; and,  
4 a liner, the liner having a plurality of sidewalls and a base with an aperture, with the liner  
5 arranged and configured to fit into said sleeve in a nesting relation;  
6 wherein the holder receives the body of a paintbrush in a nesting relation with the  
7 handle of the paintbrush protrudes through the aligned apertures of the sleeve and the  
8 liner in a sealing relation;  
9 whereby liquid that dribbles from a charged applicator towards a handle of a paintbrush  
10 when the paintbrush is held in an vertical orientation is captured by the inner liner of the  
11 holder and prevented from contacting the user of the brush..

1 2. The holder of claim 1, further comprising a skirt, the skirt operatively connected  
2 to the sleeve and movable between a first position where the skirt is substantially  
3 coextensive with the applicator of a brush, and a second position where the skirt is  
4 substantially coextensive with the handle of a brush.

1 3. The holder of claim 2, wherein said skirt comprises: a first panel and a second  
2 panel, with the first panel and second panel constructed and arranged to be operatively  
3 connected to each other when the skirt is moved into its first and second positions.

1 4, The holder of claim 3, wherein each of said first and second panels further  
2 comprise opposing extensions, with said opposing extensions of said first and second  
3 panels arranged and configured to contact each other in a substantially overlapping  
4 relation when the skirt is moved into its first and second positions.

1 5. The holder of claim 3, further comprising a fastener, the fastener operable to  
2 maintain said panels in a predetermined orientation when said skirt is moved into its first  
3 and its second positions.

1 6. A protective holder for a paintbrush of the type having a handle, a body, and an  
2 applicator, the protective holder comprising:

3 a flexible sleeve, the flexible sleeve having an inner surface and an outer surface;

4 the flexible sleeve positionable about the body of a paintbrush so that said inner surface  
5 is adjacent to the applicator of a paintbrush, whereby the flexible sleeve collects liquid  
6 that dribbles from a charged applicator towards a handle of a paintbrush when the  
7 paintbrush is held in an vertical orientation; and,

8 a skirt, the skirt operatively connected to the sleeve and movable between a first  
9 position where the skirt is substantially coextensive with the applicator of a brush, and a  
10 second position where the skirt is substantially coextensive with the handle of a brush.

1 7. The protective holder of claim 6, wherein the inner surface of the flexible sleeve  
2 comprises absorbent material and the outer surface of the flexible sleeve comprises  
3 non-absorbent material.

1 8. The protective holder of claim 6, wherein said skirt comprises: a first panel and a  
2 second panel, with the first panel and second panel constructed and arranged to be  
3 operatively connected to each other when the skirt is moved into its first and second  
4 positions.

1 9. The protective holder of claim 8, wherein each of said first and second panels  
2 further comprise opposing extensions, with said opposing extensions of said first and  
3 second panels arranged and configured to contact each other in a substantially  
4 overlapping relation when the skirt is moved into its first and second positions.

10. The protective holder of claim 8, further comprising a fastener, the fastener  
operable to maintain said panels in a predetermined orientation when said skirt is  
moved into its first and its second positions.